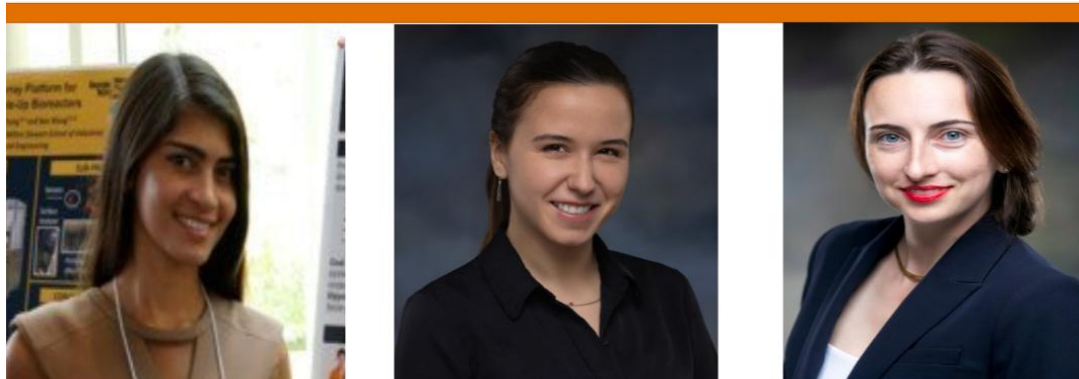




T1 to T4 in 3 (Minutes) Challenge



The IIMS hosted its 2026 *T1 to T4 in 3 (Minutes) Challenge* on September 4th. This cross-collaborative event between the IIMS Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB), Community Engagement, and the Office of Research Education & Mentoring (OREM) gives community members and IIMS trainees a venue to present their research in 3 minutes to a live audience of community members, faculty, staff and students. Presenters use language and concepts that are easy to understand with 1 slide.



Congratulations
to our
2026 Winners!

Pictured from left to
right

- PhD/Pre-Doc: Sofia Hernandez Torres, B.S., M.S- *Towards AI-enabled, Ultrasound-guided Automated Junctional Tourniquets*
- T32 Post-Doc: Savannah Heath, PhD- *Quality over Quantity: Rescuing GAGs to Prevent Bone Fractures*
- K12 Scholars: Valentina Garbarino, PhD- *Lactoferrin: A Potential Biomarker & Therapeutic for Alzheimer's Disease*

Thirteen presenters (students/trainee/junior investigators) shared their research findings with 65 online participants. Winners included: Sofia Hernandez Torres, Savannah Heath, and Valentina Garbarino. Judges included Destiny Mujica, PhD – University Health Foundation, Veronica Flores Malagon-Palo Alto College, and Erica Sosa, PhD – UT San Antonio College for Health, Community, and Policy.



CHAB
Judges

- Destiny Mujica, PhD – University Health Foundation
- Veronica Flores Malagon – Palo Alto College
- Erica Sosa, PhD – UT San Antonio, College for Health, Community and Policy

The IIMS appreciates the support of the attendees, judges, and presenters. Thank you all for a great event!